

## Monday with Mikey: September 19, 2016

Continuing with my thoughts about Basic Education and Literacy Month:

It's not just time to take action, it's time to plan to take action in the very near future! The annual "Great American Teach In" is in early November. Many schools would welcome a brief visit from a Rotarian - that Rotarian could explain what Rotary is/does, or could talk about his/her particular vocation, or could tell about an exciting trip they took etc. The possibilities are endless and can be easily fit to the ages of the students in the classroom. Now is the time for us to contact local schools and sign up for this event.

Speaking of Literacy, did you know that there's a strong tie between Literacy month and The Rotary Foundation? As a donor to the Endowment of The Rotary Foundation, you can designate the proceeds of your "inter vivos"(during your lifetime) or "testamentary" (when you no longer need the money) gift to a "named fund" that you can establish. First Mate Jocelyn and I have designated some of the proceeds of our contribution to a special fund we set up, along with our sons, to support literacy and basic education grants. It's very easy, and our District's TRF Committee will be happy to assist and answer any questions you may have. Contact Endowment Chair Charlie Allcott.

And – speaking of questions: October 1 is a GREAT time to get many of your questions about Rotary answered! DISTRICT 6950 UNIVERSITY is scheduled for that day, and "Provost" PDG Jamie Mick, as well as her faculty of "Deans" and "Professors" are ramping up for a great day of training! This event is for ALL Rotarians in our district – and we're "importing" some pretty special guest speakers & coordinators to make the day REALLY worth your time. Please sign up today on DaCdb!

And – last but not least – speaking of D6950U, don't forget that our Basic Education and literacy team will be collecting school supplies that Saturday to help schools (read "children") who have lost so very much due to the flooding in Louisiana. Please remember to bring something that will "help a kid" when you "come to school" on October 1<sup>st</sup>!

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I am now just over halfway through my official visits to the Rotary Clubs of District 6950. I am so proud of all of you for the great leadership and service you are giving to your communities! Keep up the great work.

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Many thanks to the Rotarians who reached out a helping hand to your neighbors in the wake of Hurricane Hermine. You have given of your "heads, hearts, and riches" to help those in greater need than yourself. Thank you so very much.

Until next Monday, keep **"Doing Good, Having Fun!"**  
Your Friend in Rotary Service,

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